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Honorable Vernon A. Williams
Surface Transportation Board
1925 K Street, N.W.
Washington, DC 20423-0001

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Re: Surface Transportation Board Docket No. AB-6 (Sub-No. 414X); BNSF Railway Company ("BNSF") Abandonment between Lookout, California and Hambone, California

Dear Secretary Williams:

On May 3, 2004, BNSF filed a Notice of Exemption seeking authority to abandon or discontinue service of approximately 33.77 miles of railroad line between railroad milepost 0.00, near Lookout, in Modoc County, California and railroad milepost 33.77, near Hambone, in Siskiyou County, California. The line traverses United States Postal Service Zip Codes 96054 and 96056. By decision served May 21, 2004, the STB granted the exemption authority to abandon effective June 22, 2004.

Winter weather conditions have hampered the ability to conduct salvage activities. Accordingly, BNSF requests an extension of the consummation deadline until December 31, 2005.

Please acknowledge receipt of this letter by date stamping the enclosed copy of this letter and returning it to me in the enclosed self-addressed stamped envelope.

Ten (10) additional copies of this letter are enclosed for the Board's use and distribution.

If you have any questions, please contact me at (202) 347-8667.

Sincerely,

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